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Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: State Universal Service Support of Basic Local Service Included in a Bundled Service
Offering or Contract Offering
Docket No. 2009-326-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Petition for Rehearing and Reconsideration filed by the South Carolina Cable Television Association and tw telecom on July 26, 2010 be denied because it fails to meet the standard for rehearing or reconsideration by the Commission. See, S.C. Ann. Regs. § 103-825(4). See also, *Re: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company*, Order Denying Reconsideration at p. 2, Order No. 2009-218 in Docket No. 2008-196-E (“the purpose of a petition for rehearing or reconsideration is to allow the Commission to identify and correct specific errors and omissions in its orders.”) The Petition identifies no errors or omissions of law or fact by Commission and provides no new facts, principles of law or arguments that would support reconsideration of the Commission’s decision. The Petition purports that the Commission failed to consider various arguments and committed legal error in its decision. However, the facts and arguments identified in the Petition merely rehash the evidence and arguments already fully considered by the Commission in rendering its decision in Commission Order No. 2010-337 (“Order”).

The Order describes in detail the evidence and arguments presented by the parties and considered by the Commission in rendering its decision. (Order at pp. 13-19) In addition, the Order fully sets forth the findings of fact (Order at pp. 19-20) and conclusions of law (Order at pp. 21-27) supporting the ruling. Based explicitly on these findings of fact and conclusions of the law, the Commission found that “South Carolina carriers of last resort continue to be eligible for State USF for the provision of basic local exchange service, regardless of whether the basic local service is provided alone or as part of a bundled service offering.” (Order at p. 28)

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As the Commission found, the Order is consistent with South Carolina law and prior Commission decisions and with federal law, policy and procedure and is in the best interests of South Carolina's citizens. (Order at pp. 28-29) Therefore, the Commission should deny the Petition for Rehearing and Reconsideration and allow Order No. 2010-337 to stand.

Sincerely,



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